

Gobrock Fire Department were overcome by smoke and revived by doctors during the fire.

## SECOND CABIN WAS DAMAGED.

Herz Meyer's statement that the damage to the cabin accommodations was confined to companionways was undoubtedly made because he had not time during his visit aboard to visit the second cabin saloon, which was badly damaged by smoke and water. Cleaners, painters and upholsterers were put to work there as soon as the fire was out.

The storeroom compartment in which the fire started and to which the actual blaze was confined is about on the water line and adjacent to the vessel's stern. Until the fire started it could not be ascertained what damage was done to the bulkheads adjoining the storeroom compartment. Firemen say the blaze was so hot that the heated air coming through companionways and hatches blew the steel bolts off their heads and that the steel beams and compartment walls were warped.

According to the New York firemen, the blaze was not quenched until the New York fireboats had pumped 150,000 gallons of water into the imperator. Almost as much more was poured into the ship by the Fire Department pumps, the pumps of the ship and the pumps on the pier.

The great fire in the ship and on the Hoboken pier in which scores of lives were lost and which was distinguished by the spectacle of a great smoke column rising from the North River with the faces of doomed persons shut off below appearing at the portholes occurred in July, 1912, and the pier alongside which the imperator was moored to-day was one of those destroyed in that disaster.

FIREMEN SAY TWO MEN DEPARTED AIR PUMP.

The Hoboken and New York firemen who recovered the bodies of second Officer Gobrock declared that the crewman lost his life because sailors above who were pumping air to his safety helmet through a line of hose deserted their posts and fled from the growing heat. This is denied by the steamship officials, who say that Gobrock, groping in the darkness, got his airline twisted about his legs and shut off the supply. At that point the air supply was cut off, and finding himself suffocating, he tore off the helmet and made for safety without any protection against the flames and smoke.

Second Officer Otto Gobrock was the hero and sole victim of the fire. He volunteered to go into the storeroom and discover the source of the blaze in order that it might be fought with some intelligence. Donning a safety helmet and attended by two firemen, he plunged into the smoke and stifling odors. The flames did not stick to him, one, Otto Stumpf, becoming faint and fighting his way to another part of the ship.

Gobrock's foot was caught in a door down in the burning part of the vessel and he was passing from one compartment to another. The door was just closed by the operation of automatic air pressure worked from the bridge, and he was caught as he was passing through. There he suffocated in the stifling heat. His body was recovered by Chief Davis of the Hoboken Fire Department.

PASSENGERS GOT OFF WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE.

The imperator docked last night and it was long after midnight when her first and second cabin passengers were ordered by the captain to leave the ship. The third cabin passengers, numbering 718, quartered aft, and the stowage passengers, numbering 1,131, quartered forward, remained on board, awaiting transportation to Ellis Island this morning. Besides these there were 1,180 members of the crew aboard, a total of 2,908 souls.

The fire was reported by a watchman at 1:30 o'clock. It had started in a provision hold leading to a storeroom in the hold, about two hundred feet forward of the stern. Crossed electric wires are blamed for the blaze.

Commander Ruser, in chief command, who had just retired, called the fire. He had four captains under him and an army of under officers. All were aroused. The first work was to get the ship's fire department into action. Then F. Palmer, the chief purser, assisted by the chief steward and his assistants, marshalled the stewards and the work of getting the passengers ashore was begun.

The third class passengers were quartered in a section of the ship just above the fire, but cut off by bulkheads. These bulkheads did not interfere with the smoke and ammonia fumes, which worked through the companionways. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the 718 third class passengers ashore. A number of them succumbed to the smoke and excitement and were treated by doctors on the pier and in the main saloon.

CAPTAIN CALLED CITY FIREMEN TO FIGHT FLAMES.

The stowage passengers, in quarters 600 feet forward from the blaze, were removed to the pier without difficulty, although there was great excitement among them. The work of transferring the passengers to the shore did not interfere with the ship's fire fighting force, but the blaze was so smoky and accompanied by such choking fumes that it was found impossible to get the full power of the water supply to bear on the seat of the trouble.

Commodore Ruser, after an hour found that the fire was beyond the facilities he had at hand and he turned in a fire alarm from the pier which summoned the entire Hoboken Fire Department. At the same time a call for aid was sent to New York and the Fireboat Velox and Thomas Willett went over from their stations on the North River water front.

The Hoboken and New York firemen found things in a bad way on the imperator. The fire spread to the second cabin quarters and the second cabin saloon had been touched by the blaze. Fire had leaped up the after hatchway forty feet and clouds of sparks were pouring from this opening. After a short consultation with Commodore Ruser Acting Chief Kelly of the New York firemen and Chief Davis of Hoboken decided that their only course was to drown the flames.

The Hoboken fire engines pumping from hydrants on land and the two fireboats pumping salt water out of the North River turned together two streams into the vessel. At 8 o'clock all danger of the fire spreading had passed. An

hour and a half later the blaze had been extinguished.

SHIP LISTED ONE WAY AND THEN THE OTHER.

Early in the fire the great vessel slowly listed 15 degrees to port, away from the pier. At about the time the fire was under control the ship straightened up and suddenly listed 15 degrees to starboard. Hundreds of members of the crew and firemen were thrown from their feet by the sudden change of level.

Chief Thomas Davis of the Hoboken Fire Department nearly lost his life trying to rescue Second Officer Gobrock. He was dragged out of the fire by two of his men.

When the exact location of the vessel could not be found, Gobrock volunteered to go through the smoke with a line of hose. He put on an air helmet, and two seamen were stationed on the upper deck to pump air to him.

When Gobrock's body was found it became obvious what had happened. Finding he was not getting air, Gobrock removed the heavy helmet and tried to force his way back to the pier by struggling through the smoke-filled lines, some one above operating the electric buttons to close the doors of the watertight compartments had touched the button that worked the door beside which Gobrock was groping his way. The door was closed and he was pinned Gobrock by the foot.

## WILL SUE SULZER'S ADVISER, SAYS ASSEMBLYMAN LEVY

### Arnold Continues Attack on Tammany by Giving Whitman Convicted Senator Stilwell's Confession.

The long exploited confession of former Senator Stephen J. Stilwell purporting to reveal crookedness in the Legislature is under the consideration of District Attorney Whitman, having been handed to him yesterday by Lynn J. Arnold, the Albany lawyer who is Gov. Sulzer's moving spirit in the war on Tammany Hall. Stilwell's confession is said to accuse five State Senators, an Assemblyman, two Bronx district leaders and a man prominent in the affairs of the inner management of the Tammany Hall organization.

Stilwell wrote his confession in Sing Sing prison and turned it over a few days ago to John A. Hennessy, who gave it to Arnold. This confession is not a part of the charges of Arnold that Charles F. Murphy and others conspired illegally to impeach Gov. Sulzer, but is another part of the attack on Gov. Sulzer's adviser, Judge Arnold.

LEVY DECLARES HE WILL PROSECUTE ARNOLD.

The District Attorney is also considering Arnold's charge that Assemblyman Aaron J. Levy accepted \$5,000 from former State Engineer Skene in the form of a bribe to push certain matters through the Assembly. Levy issued a statement today in Albany explaining that the \$5,000 was for a fee for legal services in the Supreme Court and announcing that he would sue Arnold for criminal libel and would also institute a suit for heavy damages against Arnold's paper, the Albany Knickerbocker.

In a formal statement read before the Assembly to-day, Mr. Levy acknowledged that he received \$5,000 from Mr. Skene, but explained that this was a fee "as counsel to Mr. Skene in the matter of some sixteen indictments pending against him in the Supreme Court of this State." These indictments, he says, he succeeded in having dismissed "after long and arduous professional labor," and that "the records of the County Clerk of Albany County are full and complete in respect to my activities as counsel to Mr. Skene."

Mr. Levy declares that he made no concealment of this transaction and brought nothing of it until certain persons attempted to use it as a club to nullify his action against Skene in connection with the impeachment. HINTS ACTION WAS HATCHED IN SULZER'S OFFICE.

"I paid no attention to this threat," the statement continues. "I continued in the discharge of my public duty as I understood it. Later I learned that Mr. Skene had been invited into the Executive office of Albany, and that he was being interviewed by Gov. Sulzer, Judge D. Cadz Herick and Mr. Arnold of the Knickerbocker Press."

Stilwell had demanded a pardon in return for his confession. He wanted the pardon in advance, but Gov. Sulzer wouldn't agree to the terms. At last Stilwell agreed to take a chance, it being represented to him that the confession would probably be the means of killing off the impeachment of Gov. Sulzer and restoring him to the full powers of his office, in which event he could issue a pardon without any question arising as to its legality.

Judge Arnold was in conference all yesterday afternoon with District Attorney Whitman in the latter's home, and was again in consultation with him to-day. Neither would discuss the purport of the meeting, though Judge Arnold later declared he had furnished to Mr. Whitman proof that Aaron J. Levy, Tammany leader in the Assembly, had accepted \$5,000 wrongfully.

Judge Arnold was cloistered with the District Attorney for three hours to-day, going over all the charges. He left this afternoon for Albany. Attorney A. J. Bernstein, who gave Assemblyman Levy the \$5,000 check in the Skene case, was with Judge Arnold before Mr. Whitman and gave the District Attorney the original check, only a certified copy of which Judge Arnold had previously produced.

STILWELL NAMES FIVE SENATORS AND A "BOSS."

To-day, however, it was learned that the Stilwell confession was the most important document delivered to the District Attorney. This document has been in Judge Arnold's hands for some days. In it Stilwell gives names and dates, but fails to furnish sufficient corroboration to warrant immediate Grand Jury action.

The five Senators Stilwell names are from the southern part of the State. One of them, Stilwell told Judge Arnold, was so close to him that he gave \$1,000 to Stilwell's defense fund. These five Senators, Stilwell confessed, were his confederates in drawing up and introducing "strike bills," which were killed, for a consideration, in committee.

"Strike bills," according to the Albany parlance, are measures which, if passed, would damage certain rich corporations which are willing to pay bribes to have them killed. In the case of the "Black Horse Cavalry" "strike bills" made rich pickings.

Stilwell also charges absolute theft against high leaders in the Fourteenth street headquarters of Tammany. He names two district leaders in the Bronx as accomplices. Eight years ago, he declares, one of these leaders solicited contributions from the loyal in the Bronx and took the money to Tammany Hall, but it was never accounted for. Such a crime, however, is outlawed by the statutes of limitation. However, Stilwell charges that exactly the same thing happened four years ago, and again he gave names, but not legal proof.

The Assemblyman named by Stilwell as a bribe taker is close to the council

of Tammany, but again Stilwell fails to corroborate his unsupported charges. He claims to have the proofs, but wants an unconditional pardon as the price for furnishing them.

Judge Arnold's charges against Leader Levy relate to the claim of Frederick Skene, who was State Engineer under Gov. Hughes, to get from the State money he had expended in defending himself against criminal charges. Skene was charged with adding \$9,000 to a bid for construction of a State road in Nassau County. He was acquitted by the jury.

## SULLIVAN WALLOPS MEYERS AS THE PHONO SINGS "SYLVEST!"

### Irish Husband of Italian Wife Didn't Like the Tune Machine Played.

An Irish hotel clerk, his Italian wife and the German, keeper of a lodging house for Greek waiters lined up before Magistrate Herbert in West Side Police Court to-day. The hotel clerk, Thomas Sullivan, who works nights, was in court in response to a summons issued at the request of August Meyers, who keeps the lodging house in the tenement at No. 34 West Forty-fifth street.

Sullivan occupies the flat beneath that in which Meyers quarters his Greek lodgers. Meyers has a phonograph and Sullivan says the Greek lodgers keep it going all day while he is trying to sleep.

"The only tune the phonograph plays," said Sullivan, "is 'My Brother Sylvester.'"

"He smashed me in the nose," said Meyers. "He ran into my flat in his pajamas and started kicking my head off. Then when I walked outside to talk to him about it he knocked me down."

"Considering that my wife is an Italian," said Sullivan, "I think the tune they play is suggestive and insulting. Also, when I complained that I couldn't sleep this man Meyers called me an Irish kike. I may have pushed him and he fell over an ash can."

The Magistrate advised Meyers and Sullivan to try to live in harmony and discharged Sullivan. As Sullivan and his wife and Meyers left the courtroom it was quite apparent that the advice of the Magistrate was utterly impossible of satisfactory assimilation.

## WHITMAN REFUSES TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST TAMMANY

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action of the political organizations is endorsed by their primary voters. I shall accept the place to which I am thus assigned and shall uphold all its properties. I can see no other duty.

BELIEVES THAT EVERYBODY WANTS HIM TO GO ON.

"So I accept the Tammany nomination as I have already accepted the Fusion nomination. If the motives of the Fusion managers in declining to accept my services as a candidate for Mayor, if the motives of Tammany Hall in agreeing with the Fusion managers that I shall continue in my present office and present work are to be impugned, I must leave it to others to do it. For myself, I accept the view that all the political organizations have adopted, that my work should go on where and as it has been going."

"I accept their endorsement precisely as they have expressed it and promise them all and the great voting public that if their action be sustained at the polls I shall go ahead with the work entrusted to me on precisely the same lines with which the record of my office during the last four years has made them all familiar."

"This means that if the Republican, Democratic, Fusion, Progressive and Independence League voters and the voters of other organizations that have placed me in nomination shall approve it the primaries what has been done by the nomination committee and conventions, I shall consider myself to be in no other position than that of their agent and the agent of a unanimous public sentiment, compelling the prosecution of all offenders against the criminal statutes in the County of New York without respect to parties, interests or individuals."

There was some disappointment among Fusion leaders, outside the regular Republicans, over Mr. Whitman's statement. Chairman Haggood of the One Hundred and Seven and Chairman Price of the Executive Committee, had no heart to make comments. They turned their eyes toward John Purroy Mitchell as champion of the Fusion cause to lead in place of Whitman, whom they now consider as out of the fight.

The Progressives, under Chairman Francis W. Bird, said it was no more than was expected and the next day to look for was that of Frederick and McAneny, who would listen to the tempting of the Gwynettes.

"Let them go on and accept the endorsement of other parties," said Mr. Bird. "It will leave Mr. Mitchell all the more at liberty to enter the campaign with perfect freedom and make his own fight in his own way and on his own platform. He is going to stick and his campaign will be dashingly and brilliantly. The Progressive party will be back of him and give him loyal support."

Mr. Mitchell is in Washington to-day on Government business. He is to return to-morrow and make answer to the Independence League, which repudiated his colleagues, Pronger and McAneny. The understanding has been that he would order his own name off the League ticket unless his Fusion colleagues were there too.

At a conference last night between Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Haggood and Mr. Price, the subject was discussed and a tentative plan of procedure outlined. Mr. Mitchell hoped by his own sacrifice of the Heast support an objective would be set for other Fusion candidates to do likewise and reject temptation.

DOUBTFUL ABOUT PRONGER, GAST AND MCANENY.

The action of Mr. Whitman is the first break in this hopeful programme. Now

the situation hinges on Mr. McAneny and Mr. Pronger. Fusion leaders are strong in belief that they will stand firm and reject any invitation to go on the Gwynor ticket. The Progressives are not sure that they will resist the chance of an endorsement that would mean election and cling to a high moral principle with doubtful results on election day. If they throw overboard the principle, Mr. Mitchell will feel free to do the same thing, if he chooses so to do. He may revise his programme of repudiating the Heast Independence League endorsement when he returns to town to-morrow and talks things over with his advisers.

Fusion forces were on the verge of disruption to-day over the question whether any candidate should accept endorsement from a party outside the Fusion camp. On this rock their ship has hit hard and is in danger of going to pieces. The first man to jump to safety was Whitman, who is now assured of election, being on both Fusion and Tammany tickets. Controller Pronger and Mayor-elect McAneny are watching closely the approach of the Gwynor tempter.

Pronger is in Europe, keeping himself out of the city.

MCANENY'S SILENCE PRODUCES A PAINFUL IMPRESSION.

Leaders of the Committee of 107 are pained over the silence of Candidate McAneny. It seems incredible to them that he, who has been so strong for principle and so disinterested in personal considerations, should hesitate for one moment to refuse to listen to the suggestion of going on a Gwynor ticket. They look to him to rebuff temptation before it even has a chance to approach him. Mr. McAneny declines to discuss the possibility of his going on the Gwynor ticket until he has something definite to say to the effect.

Ex-President Roosevelt projected himself into the municipal situation with a statement urging all the Fusion candidates to stand by their ticket. He said: "In my judgment no Fusion candidate can accept a position on any other ticket that does not include other Fusion candidates and be considered to have remained loyal to the Fusion movement and to the efforts of the combined decent citizenship of the community to overthrow Tammany Hall."

That was a direct slap at District Attorney Whitman, who is accepting the Tammany endorsement on the advice of leaders of the regular Republican organization. Chairman Koenig, of the Republicans, said that so long as Mr. Roosevelt contributed to help the anti-Tammany cause his efforts and opinions would be welcome.

In order to gain time for consultation and calm deliberation, the Fusion leaders left town this afternoon to be gone over Labor Day. They said they wanted the boiling pot to cool off and that next week it might be handled better.

CANDIDATE M'CALL SAYS WHITMAN HAS DONE SPLENDID WORK.

Chairman Edward E. McCall, the Tammany designee for Mayor, took leave to-day with Col. Roosevelt, Seth Low, Chairman F. W. Bird and others who have criticized District Attorney Whitman for accepting a Tammany nomination. Mr. McCall characterized the utterances of the illustrious gentlemen as "splendid work."

Judge McCall intimated that it was he who was most interested in the unanimous endorsement of "Charley Whitman" for office by all parties.

"I am tickled to death that he accepted," said the Chairman, "not for any prestige that he brings to me or to my ticket, but because I like Charley Whitman. I believe in him because he has done splendid work there. I want to see him continue that work. And I said this before I was ever designated for Mayor, and if I am elected Mayor he will have my hearty support from the ground up."

"I approve of everything he has done and I'll stand right back of him. And it is gratifying to me that the organization which named him did so heartily and without a dissenting voice. He accepts that nomination without the slightest pledge or obligation of any kind, whatsoever. None of us here, and none will be. His action was entirely free, and why should not any man accept such an endorsement, amounting, as it does, to a public testimonial."

"The idea of this criticism of him is asinine and ridiculous. I think it is about these dilettantes who are talking about uncleanness had somebody to get back at them good and hard. And I can assure you that it is going to happen in this campaign."

"Have you anything to say about Mayor Gwynor's candidacy?"

"Only that which is pleasant, sir."

GAYNOR CAN CARRY REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES, SAYS WILLIAM S. BENNET

There were bustling scenes of activity in Mayor Gwynor's offices to-day. Secretary Robert Adamson was at the wheel of the Mayor's candidacy. The Mayor is still at his home in St. James. "Quite recovered from his recent attack," it was said. He is not expected at the City Hall to-day.

Among the earlier callers were William S. Bennett, the Republican leader, who came to assure Mr. Adamson that he had talked to hundreds of Republicans and that all agreed to write the Mayor's name in the Republican primary ballot. Mr. Bennett was anxious to know how far the Mayor's advisers want him to go. He issued a statement in which he said, among other things, that he believed that the Mayor can enter the Republican primaries and win. Albert Ottinger, another Republican who has left the Fusion ranks, also called on the Mayor's secretary.

WEEK-END TRIP FOR WILSON.

President Wilson is on his way to the Summer Capital.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Unless developments in the Mexican situation to-day require President Wilson's personal attention during the next few days, he will accompany Mrs. Wilson and Miss Eleanor Wilson back to Corral, N. H., for a week-end vacation trip. The President planned to leave Washington this evening or to-morrow.

## SENATE INSURGENTS FORCE RAISE OF TAX ON INCOMES OF RICH

### Democrats Agree to Increase Rate to 5 Per Cent. on \$100,000 and 10 on \$500,000.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—An insurgent movement among Democratic Senators that threatened to break party lines on the income tax was headed off by the leaders to-day by an agreement to revise the tariff bill so as to levy a heavier tax on the incomes from large fortunes.

The insurgent leaders began with a demand for a party conference, and claimed the support of twenty-seven Democratic Senators of the fifty in the Senate, in support of an increase in the tax. They finally agreed to withdraw their demand for a special caucus, but the question will be taken up in a party conference to-morrow or Saturday.

It is understood that Democratic leaders have agreed to a revision of the income tax section, so that the extra tax on incomes of more than \$100,000 will be 5 per cent., with an increase reaching 10 per cent. on incomes of \$500,000. The bill as it now stands provides only 3 per cent. tax above \$100,000. This present rates on incomes between \$20,000 and \$100,000 also will be increased.

The agreement to redraft the bill came after Senator Vanderman left the party ranks and voted for Senator La Follette's amendment to increase the rates. And Senators Reed, Thompson and Ashurst had threatened to take similar action.

SECRET RACE TO SAVE THAW FROM JEROME

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bility of interfering in the Thaw case and suggested that his wisest course would be to keep his hands off and allow the Dominion authorities to bear the onus or receive the plaudits for taking the Thaw case under control.

Armed with this letter, Mr. St. Laurent took the first train this morning for Quebec. He hoped to reach Sir Lomer before Mr. Jerome or Mr. Kennedy.

On the outcome of Jerome's mission will hinge, probably, the future history of the Thaw case. If Sir Lomer refuses to interfere, Thaw may remain in jail until the Court of King's Bench convenes in October and a Grand Jury meets. Then, probably, no bill would be found against Thaw and he would be liberated.

L. K. Marchal, one of Canada's foremost lawyers, is in the Thaw case and suggested that his wisest course would be to keep his hands off and allow the Dominion authorities to bear the onus or receive the plaudits for taking the Thaw case under control.

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most lawyers and a staunch supporter of Prime Minister R. L. Borden, reached here at noon. He is the personal representative of Premier Borden and is the first Dominion officer of high position to come here. He will report direct to Premier Borden and will keep in close touch with the Thaw situation. Grand Jury, trying to persuade him to call the body to an extraordinary session. If they can accomplish this Thaw's case will be moved forward several months. The procedure would be exactly the same as though the Grand Jury waited until October to convene, and eventually Thaw would be freed. The immigration officials will wait until the moment he pokes his head out of his prison door. The instant he does he is gone, they say.

Thaw and his lawyers realize this. That is the reason no application has been made for bail. Thaw could be bailed under the law, but it is safe to say he won't be.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WAIT CHANCE TO SEIZE THAW.

The immigration men here resemble, in many ways, the Secret Service men of the United States. They receive orders directly from the Dominion Government and they have a habit of not permitting anything or anybody to interfere with the fulfillment of these orders. Several of them are in town now and it would make little difference to them whether Thaw was on bail or not. Their orders are to take him on sight, and take him on sight they will. The New York forces have not abandoned all hope of having Magistrate Dupuis of Cook County, who committed Thaw, reopen the hearing in his case.

In this event, of course, he would be liberated, for his commitment is conceded to be illegal. Dupuis, however, has refused to be drawn further into the case or to assign his power to Magistrate Wilton here, so that the latter could give Thaw a hearing.

BRYAN HAS ALL WAR ARMS FOR MEXICANS HELD UP

Customs Men Get Telegraphic Orders to Act in Carrying Out Wilson's Neutrality Plan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—At Secretary Bryan's request to-day the Treasury Department telegraphed all customs agents to embargo all shipments of arms to Mexico, regardless of to whom consigned, a large shipment waiting at Juarez will be withheld, although a portion already had been allowed to pass.

This action was part of the administration's programme of carrying out President Wilson's determination for strict neutrality. It outlined in his address to Congress yesterday.

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